

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SUTTER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION OF THE SUTTER COUNTY)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOMMENDING)
INCLUSION OF PACIFIC COAST MARITIME) RESOLUTION 16-009
ROUTES, INCLUDING THE SACRAMENTO)
AND FEATHER RIVERS, IN PUBLIC SCHOOL)
HISTORY CURRICULUM)

WHEREAS, the economic and cultural history of Sutter County and other Pacific Coast communities is vital to the development of the United States but is not part of the history and social science curriculum in public schools in California; and

WHEREAS, this history could be accessed by our youth if the California Board of Education included the history of the Pacific Coast Maritime Routes—around Cape Horn, across Panama and Nicaragua, from Asia, and on inland waterways such as the Sacramento and Feather rivers—which brought people from all over the globe to California in the 19th Century, and played a crucial role in trade development, development of a labor force, and the transportation of gold and farm products, in eighth grade history lessons; and

WHEREAS, absent this emphasis school children grow up ignorant of the way communities they live in have developed, including in Sutter County how Maidu populated this region for 10,000 years, how Spanish explorers named the Feather River (Rio de las Plumas) after seeing the feathers of the many waterfowl from the Pacific Flyway floating on its surface, how the first large scale agricultural operation in California was established on the west bank of the Feather River at John Sutter's Hock Farm, how the first man to pilot an airplane (John Montgomery) was born in Yuba City, and how the largest earth moving equipment manufacturer in the world (Caterpillar, Inc.) was started on a Sutter County farm; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education is now requesting public comment for the History Social Science framework standards that are now being written for approval in 8th grade, 19th Century US History for classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education's Instructional Quality Committee is considering new recommendations for the Social Science-History Curriculum on March 24-25, 2016, and organizations like Golden State History, a non-profit organization engaging youth to celebrate the history of the building of our nation through the USA Proud Learning Challenge, are advocating for the importance of local history by recommending the inclusion of Pacific Maritime Routes in the history curriculum;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sutter County Board of Supervisors recommends the inclusion of Pacific Maritime Routes in eighth grade history curriculum to further the understanding of how these waterways, and the people and products transported across them, influenced the development of America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2016, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sutter, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Sullenger, Flores, Munger, Whiteaker and LeVake

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


LARRY MUNGER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
DONNA M. JOHNSTON, CLERK

By Alice Flores
Deputy

